International One Day Match

2712. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Cricket team has played any international one day match or a test match during the last one and a half years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the existing members, the captain, the vice-captain of the cricket team alongwith the names of all the members of the selection committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) have informed that India has played a total of nineteen matches which comprise seven Test Matches and twelve one-day International Matches during the last one and a half years.

(c) In the last International Match that India has played (i. e. Asia Cup tournament) n 1990-91 the team comprised of :-

1. Mohammad Azharuddin(Captain)
2. Ravi Shastri
3. Navjot Singh Sidhu
4. Sanjay Manjrekar
5. Sachin Tendulkar
6. Kapil Dev
7. Kiran More
8. W. V. Raman
9. Manoj Prabhakar
10. Atul Wassan
11. Saradindu Mukherjee
12. Raju Kulkarni
13. Venkatapathy Raju
14. Pravin Amre.

Shri Abbass Ali Baig was the Manager and Dr. Ali Irani was the Physiotherapist of the team.

The Selection Committee comprised of:-

1. Shri Naren Tamhane (Chairman) (West Zone)
2. Shri G.R. Vishwanath (South Zone)
3. Shri Rusi Jeejeebhoy (East Zone)
4. Shri Anand Shukla (Central Zone)
5. Shri Akash Lal (North Zone)

[*English*]

Poor Health Standards

2713. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the general health standards of the people in the country is far below as compared to the other developing countries like Cuba;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by the Union Government to improve the health standards of the people of the country;

(c) the details of the medicines, appliances that are not admissible to the Government servants;

(d) the reasons thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government to ensure that Government employees become entitled to hitherto inadmissible medicines and appliances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The general health standard of the people of the country is measured by indicators like crude birth rate, crude death rate, infant mortality and life expectancy at birth. On the basis of these indicators given in the World Bank Development Report 1991, it is seen that the general health standard of the people of Cuba is better than ours.

(b) The strategies for striving towards the goal of 'health for all by 2000 A. D' have been enunciated in the National Health Policy-1983. The health care activities, programmes and projects have been receiving due attention through the successive Five year Plans and vest network of health delivery system through sub-centres, primary health centres and district hospitals, has been established. Emphasis has been laid on prevention/control/eradication of communicable and other diseases in the country. Indian system of medicine and homeopathy have also been developed. Over the years, the crude death rate and infant mortality rate has gone down considerably and at the same time, the life expectancy has gone up significantly.

(c) to (e). Central Government employees are provided medicines under the Central Government Health Scheme. Medicines for common ailments and chronic illness are dispensed through a network of CGHS dispensaries. Hospital indoor treatment is provided at Government hospitals and private hospitals recognised under the CGHS Scheme.

Salary of Private Workers

2714. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to increase in the cost of living, the Government servants get increase in their pay two times a year;

(b) whether such an increase in the salary or wages of the labourers, employees in the shops, factories etc. is not given by their employers;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to ensure that the same method; of increase in the salary of the Government servants is made applicable in the case of persons working in private organisations; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). In shops, factories, etc. in the private sector, dearness allowance, normally, constitutes a part of the total wage agreements arrived at between the employers and employees in the private sector cannot be forced to adopt the same formula for payment of dearness allowance. Under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the Central Government has made provisions in most of the scheduled employments for payment of